

**REMARKS**

The claims have been rewritten to place them in condition for allowance based upon the Examiner's indication in the Final Office Action of May 19, 2004 that the subject matter of claims 59 and 60 was objected to and would be patentable if rewritten in independent form.

Specifically, the subject matter of claim 59 has been rewritten into independent form and the dependency of claims 32, 33, 35, 47, 50, 51, 56 and 60 has been changed to depend from claim 59.

Claims 31, 36-40, 48, 53-55 and 57 has been cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter or related matter of these claims in a Continuation application. Accordingly, it is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance.

Early allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus,

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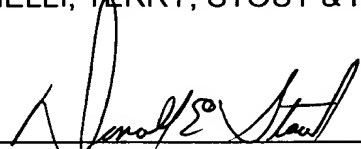
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LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 0171.39225X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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